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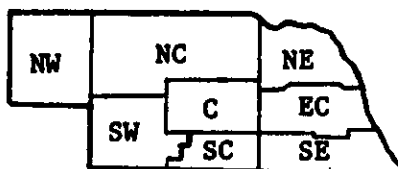
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WEATHER

The west was mild and the east was cold. Rainfall at the start of the week amounted to a few tenths of an inch. Average temperatures ranged from seven degrees above normal west to three degrees below normal east.

GENERAL

Nebraska crop producers pushed forward on crops remaining to be harvested. Statewide, harvest of all row crops has surpassed the 90% mark. Freezing rain slowed harvest in the northeast while warmer temperatures thawed wet ground, causing muddy field conditions. Availability of adequate drying facilities continues to hold up harvest in some areas of the State. Producers who have finished harvest are turning their attention to other activities, such as preparing equipment for winter storage, fencing stubble fields, and cleaning feedlots and storage pits. The number of days suitable for fieldwork averaged 6.2.

Topsoil moisture rated 3% short, 79% adequate and 18% surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 76% adequate and 24% surplus. A year ago, topsoil moisture rated 2% short, 72% adequate and 26% surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 9% short, 77% adequate and 14% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat crop condition rated 6% fair, 81% good and 13% excellent. Winter wheat condition is generally good across the State with good early growth.

Corn harvested for grain advanced to 90%, same as the average but far ahead of 80% last year.

Soybean harvest neared completion at 98%, compared to 100% complete for last year and the average. Soybeans in wet, low-lying areas remain to be harvested.

Sorghum harvested progressed to 97%, same as last year but ahead of 95% average. The majority of sorghum remaining to be harvested is in the southeast.

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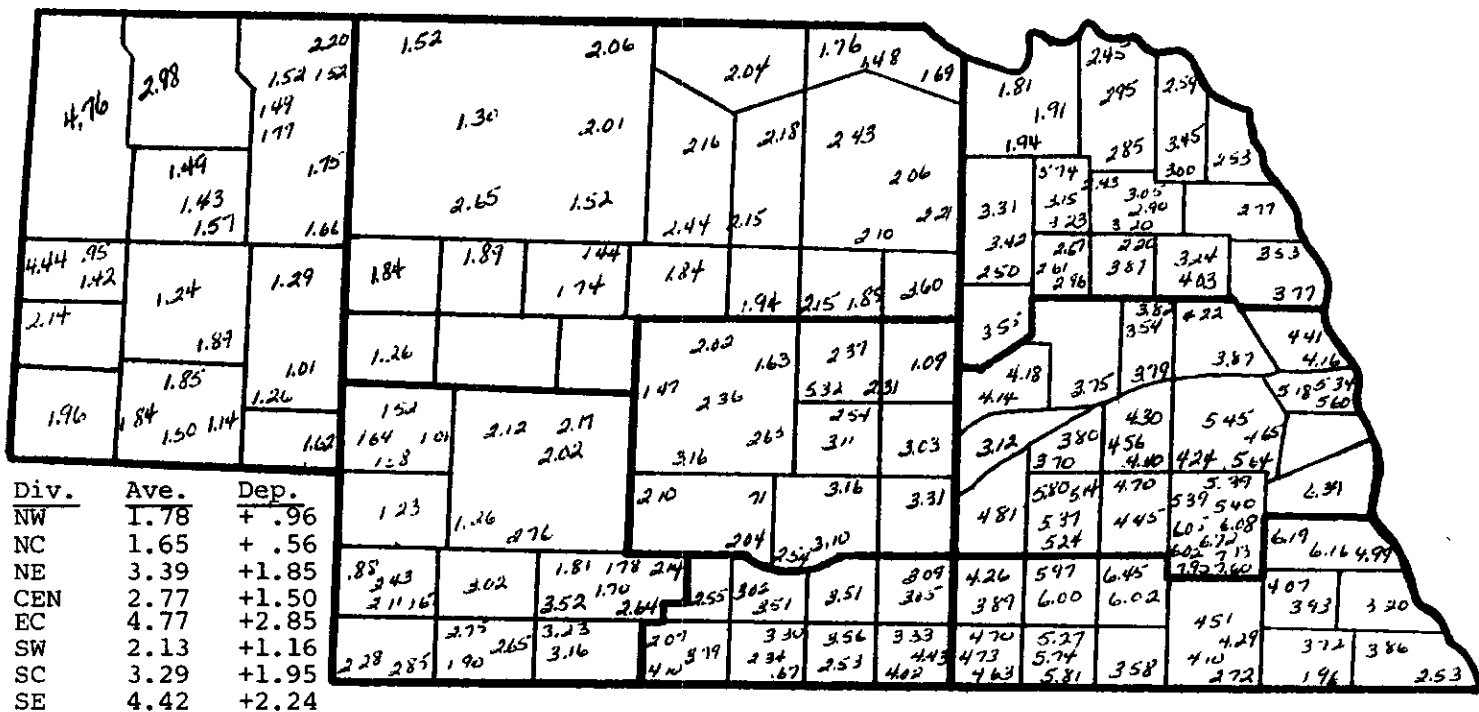
Pasture and range feed supplies rated mostly adequate. Livestock producers welcomed the warmer temperatures. Cattle producers continued movement of cattle and calves to stubble fields.

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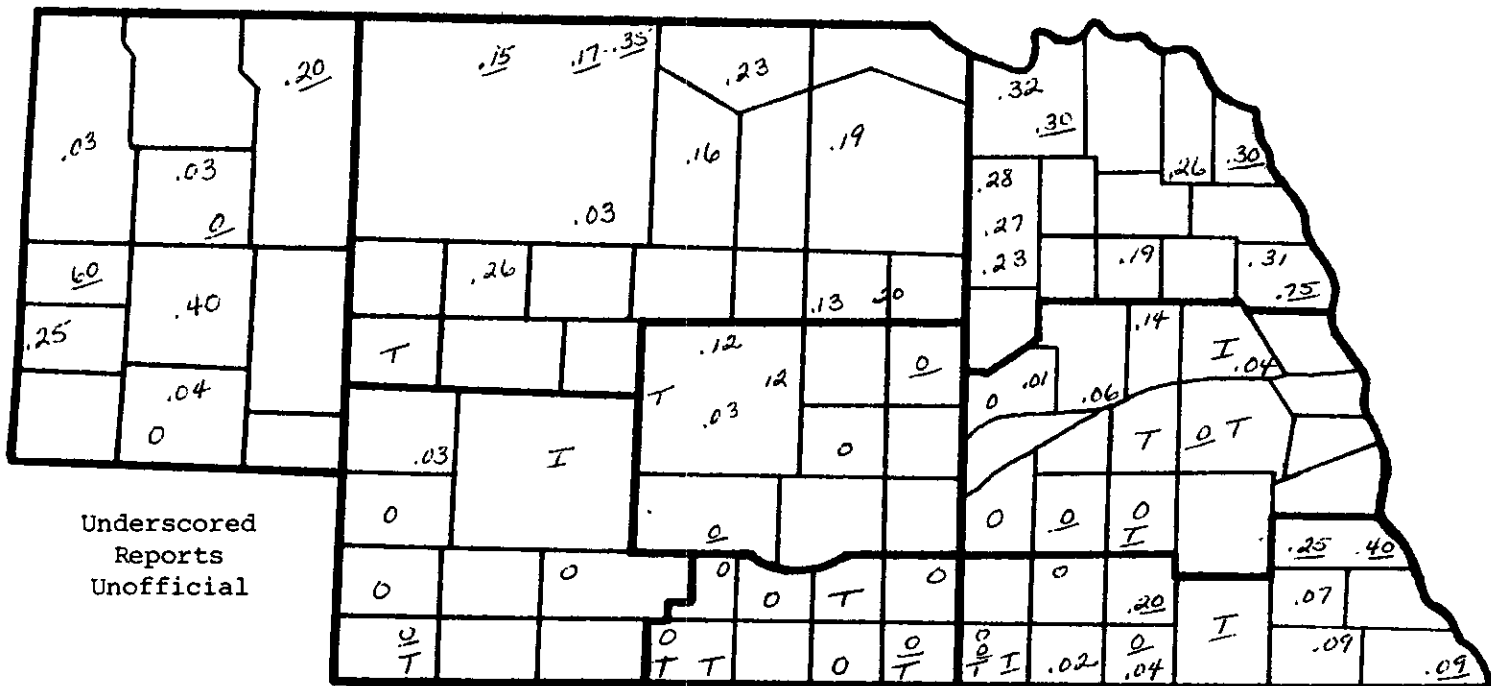
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1986 1/



1/ Courtesy of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1986



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1986

Station		Temperature			Precipitation
		Extremes		Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min		
NW	Chadron	--	--	--	--
	Scottsbluff	70	20	+6	.33
	Sidney	70	15	--	0
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	71	17	+6	.08
NE	Norfolk	59	23	34	.23
	Sioux City	51	17	-3	.39
CEN	Grand Island	62	22	+1	T
EC	Lincoln	63	25	36	.03
	Omaha	59	23	-2	.15
SW	Imperial	70	24	41	0
	North Platte	73	19	+7	T

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.